the University of Delhi the concerned employee of P G Mens' hostel committed suicide after owning responsibility in writing of having misappropriated hostel funds. The University has instituted an Enquiry into the matter and the question of payment of benefits/dues payable to the widow of the deceased shall be settled by the University on receipt of report of the Enquiry.

Complaints against Private Schools

370. SHRI GURUDAS DAG GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received series of complaints of irregularities being perpetrated by a large number of private schools afflitated to CBSE and ICS; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) As per information received from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) sporadic complaints have been received against a few private schools affiliated to these orgnisations.

(b) The complaints relate to alleged malfunctioning and irregularities in these schools in matters regarding underpayment of salaries, absence of proper service conditions, overcharging of fees and collection of unauthorised dues etc. Primarily, it is for the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration to initiate regulatory action agaisnt the schools indulging in irregularities as per provisions contained in their respective Education Acts. However, appropriate adminstrative action has also been taken by the Board/CISCE as per their Affiliation Bye-laws/Regulatory guidelines.

The Department of Education had also constituted a Task Force to study the functioning of private schools and evolve a model code for the service conditions of teachers and other related matters, transparency in the administration of private schools and their admission policies and a mechanism for the disposal of grievances and possible punitiave measures. The recommendations made by the Task Force were discussed in the meeting of the Education Secretaries fo State Governments and Chairpersons of the Boards of Secondary Education for taking further follow-up action.

Unfilled Vacancies of Teachers in KVS

371. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given in Unstarred Question No. 1918 date 8th August, 1997 and to state:

(a) what are the detailed reasons due to which all available vacancies for promotions in each of the acategories in K.V.S. could not be filled up during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) whether the unfilled vacancies to be filled by promotees in 1997-98 have since been filled up in different categories;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when and how these vacancies are to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) The vacancies remained unfilled during the years in question were due to non-acceptance of promotion and non-availability of eligible SC/ST candidates in feeder grades.

(b) to (d) The Departmental Promotion Committees have since made recommendations to fill up the unfilled vacancies from Primary Teachers to Trained